The 44th Annual Conference of the National Association for Ethnic Studies invites proposals, papers, workshops, roundtable discussions, film screenings, performances, and other mediums that interrogate the meaning of ‘resistance’ in the 21st century and/or that highlight the increasingly bold electoral hate campaigns and other forms of social injustices that continue to impact our diverse communities. NAES is excited to host regional activists working against various threats to Ethnic Studies in Arizona, and those involved in spreading the activism and scholarship within and between Ethnic Studies globally. We strongly welcome and encourage proposals that engage cultural, political, and community-based work, particularly in the realm of migrant and indigenous rights. We welcome all attendees interested in presenting their work, sharing experiences, and utilizing this conference to foster new and more effective forms of activism and community self-empowerment.

Hosted by the Department of Mexican American Studies at the University of Arizona, the conference in Tucson, AZ offers an ideal location from which to explore our shared and unique issues, share knowledge, and build community. It is both borderlands and Indian Country. The region is highly militarized and the site of fierce activism. Perhaps most poignantly, Tucson and Arizona continue to be ground-zero for a well-publicized assault by the state against Ethnic Studies.

Proposals (250 words max.) should be submitted by December 1, 2015 via our website at: www.ethnicstudies.org. Acceptance notifications will be announced December 15, 2015.